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### For: Dielectrically Impeded Discharge Lamp Having Spacer

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the first Office action in the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

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4. Discharge lamp according to Claim 1, in which the or each spacer (13) is formed by a column.
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6. Discharge lamp according to Claim 1, in which the or each spacer (1) is formed by a body which has a thickened portion between the bearing surfaces.
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10. Discharge lamp according to Claim 1, in which at least a portion of the surface of the or each spacer has properties of a "radiation trap".
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